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For : **METHODS FOR TREATING SKIN CONDITIONS**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action of October 18, 2004 requiring restriction of the inventions claimed in the above-identified patent application to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of treating acne comprising topically administering to a mammal a composition comprising a compound selected from retinoids or retinol and a non-denatured botanical extract having trypsin-inhibiting

activity, classified in class 424, subclass 193 and class 514, subclasses 458, 459, 725 and 859.

II. Claims 11-20, 31-40 and 51-62, drawn to a composition comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of synthetic retinoids, natural retinoids, retinol and a nondenatured botanical extract, classified in class 424, subclass 193 and class 514, subclasses 458, 459 and 725.

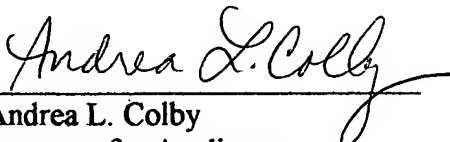
III. Claims 21-30, drawn to a method of treating wrinkles comprising topically administering a composition comprising a compound selected from retinoids and retinol, and a nondenatured botanical extract, classified in class 424, subclass 193 and class 514, subclasses 458, 459 and 725.

IV. Claims 41-50, drawn to a method of reducing retinoid-induced redness comprising topically administering a compound selected from retinoids and retinol and a denatured botanical extract, classified in class 424, subclass 193 and class 514, subclasses 458, 459 and 725.

Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement on the ground that they respectfully submit that searching such groups would not be overly burdensome. However, applicants respectfully provisionally elect the claims of Group I for examination in the above-identified patent application.

If there are any questions regarding the foregoing, the Patent Office is invited to contact the undersigned. An early allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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